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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner Glenn K. Dawson	Art Unit 3731

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 July 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>08-01-2005</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by

Palestrant-4832055.

Palestrant discloses an implantable device shown in fig. 1, a sheath 70, a deployment catheter 80 and a deployment line 84 releasably attached to the implantable device. The device is comprised of a frame with at least 6 spokes as shown in fig. 3. The spokes move from a relatively axial configuration to an expanded configuration wherein the central portion is bowed outwardly as shown in fig. 4B. The device also has barbs 54.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chevillon, et al.-5634942.

Chevillon discloses an implantable device as shown in fig. 1 releasably attached to a deployment line 9. The device has barbs 19. The spokes of the frame are expandable from a linear configuration to an expanded diameter configuration. As

disclosed in col. 9 lines 35-39, the deployment catheter 5 could be housed within a sheath 35.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ostroksky, et al.-6447530.

Ostrovsky discloses an implantable device 44 having spokes and barbs 46,52. The spokes expand from a linear configuration to an expanded diameter one. The device releasably attached to a deployment line 96. As explained in col. 10 lines 49-56, even though the device is generally a means to remove a filter, the steps could be reversed in order to implant a filter. Also disclosed in col. 10 lines 18-29,a sheath and catheter combination 224,226 is used to receive the deployment line and the filter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 11-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ostrovsky, et al.-'530 in view of Brooks, et al.-6346116 and Tsugita, et al.-5911734.

Ostrovsky discloses the invention as claimed with the exception of the material of the filter having a membrane and the material of the membrane being ePTFE.

Tsugita discloses that it was known to provide a filter with a membrane. It would have been obvious to have placed a membrane on the filter of Ostrovsky, as this provides an effective means to filter out undesirable particles while allowing blood-flow therethrough. It also would have been obvious to have placed the membrane on the proximal face of the filter because as taught by Tsugita, if introduced in a retrograde orientation this allows the interior of the mesh to be directed upstream to collect debris.

Brooks discloses in col. 4 that it was known to use ePTFE as a filter material. It would have been obvious to have used ePTFE as the filter material as this effectively filters particles out of blood.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-17 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Glenn K. Dawson whose telephone number is 571-272-4694. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anhtuan T. Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-4963. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).


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